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SUBJ: NEW RESIDENCE QUARTERS FOR CONSUL GENERAL ISTANBUL

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1. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE POINTS RAISED IN PARA 1 REFTEL, WE ARE TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION TO ACQUIRE THE APARTMENT PROPOSED IN EMBASSY'S 2580.

2. LOCATING AN APARTMENT OR HOUSE SUITABLE FOR A PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE IN EITHER THE CENTRAL PART OF ISTANBUL OR IN THE POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS LOCATED NORTH OF THE CNETRL CITY ALONG THE BOSPHOROUS WILL BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE SCARCITY OF QUALITY PROPERTIES AND THE HIGH DEMAND FOR THEM. BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S TOPOGRAPHY AND STREET ARRANGEMENTS. THE OPPORTUNITIES TO VARY VEHICLE ROUTES TO AND FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDINGS AND EMPLOYEES' RESIDENCES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. WITH ONLY TWO MAJOR STREETS TRAVERSING THE CITY AND NUMBEROUS STREETS WITH DEAD ENDS, IT IS PROBLEMATICAL THAT IT WOULD BE PRACTICABLE OR POSSIBLE TO SUCCESSFULLY AVOID DEMONSTRATIONS BY AT-TEMPTING DIVERSIONARY ROUTES. THE DENSITY OF THE SLOW MOVING TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE DAY, SOMEWHAT LESS AT NIGHT, ON THE NARROW AND WINDINGSTREETS, MAKES VEHICLE SECURITY DIFFICULT TO ENSURE REGARDLESS WHERE A PERSON LIVES. BY RELOCTING THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE CLOSER TO THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD GREATLY REDUCE THE DRIVING TIME NOW REQUIRED FOR

TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE RESIDENTIAL SECTION WHERE THE PRESENT RESIDENCE IS SITUATED.

3. THECONSULATE GENERAL IS PUTTING ITS COMPLETE RESOURCES INTO FINDING NEW RESIDENCE QUARTERS FOR THE PINCIPAL OFFICER AND WE WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, UNLESS A DESIRABLE PROPERTY IS FOUND WITHIN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE PREMISES RENOVATED AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY THE DATE MS. HELEN BATJER ARRIVES IN ISTANBUL AND SHE MAY HAVE TO STAY IN A HOTEL OR TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ISTANBUL. $\label{eq:macombe} \text{MACOMBER}$

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